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STATUS INQUIRY

Dear Sir:

Applicants filed a Pre-appeal Brief Request For Review ("Review Request") together with a Notice of Appeal on April 7, 2006 by fax transmission to 571-273-8300. A copy of these papers is present in the Image File Wrapper (IFW), confirming timely receipt.

Accordingly, a panel decision should have issued by May 22, 2006 i.e. within 45 days of filing of the Review Request as stated in the Notice announcing the Pre-Appeal Brief Conference Pilot Program published in the Official Gazette on July 12, 2005 at 1296 OG 67, in paragraph 7. However, as of today (2 weeks later) i.e. on June 6, 2006, nothing has been received. Moreover, there is nothing in the IFW to indicate that the panel has met and made a decision. Hence, Applicants hereby respectfully request status on the panel decision.

Today the undersigned called the Office of Patent Legal Administration and spoke with Ms. Terry at phone number 571-272-7701, and was informed that Applicants' time period for filing an appeal brief is reset to be one month from mailing of the panel decision if longer than 2 months from the filing of notice of appeal. The undersigned was further informed that this one month time period for Applicants was applicable even to filing of an Request for Continued Examination (RCE), in lieu of filing an appeal brief.

Accordingly, in reliance of these assurances, Applicants request status of and await panel decision, in order to file an appeal brief or an RCE within one month of panel decision.

## CERTIFICATE OF FACSIMILE TRANSMISSION

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being facsimile transmitted to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office to the fax number 571-273-8300 on June 6, 2006.

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